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**Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **A Method and Apparatus for Cutting a Product from a Sheet Material**, a copy of the priority published PCT application/specification

(check one) [ ] is filed herewith.

[ X] was filed, with my authority, on December 27, 2002  
as Application Serial No. PCT/SG02/00297

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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

As a named Inventor, I hereby appoint the attorneys associated with Customer Number 021567 to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			Priority Claimed
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(Number)	(Country)	(Filing Date)	Yes [X]
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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